Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Forestland Fir, Spruce and Chestnut Restoration

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Forestland Fir, Spruce and Chestnut Restoration		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions		
Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the applicant to:		
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes O or No O	
1. b. Address and support one of the following priorities: Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI), North American Waterfowl Management Plan, National Fish Habitat Action Plan, Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy, State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies (also referred to as the State Wildlife Action Plans), Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, Restoration of Longleaf Pine Forests		
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?		
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?		
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?		
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?		
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?		
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?		
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?		
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?		
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:		
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes O or No O	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the proposed site for planting Balsam Fir and /or red spruce at an elevation of 2500 feet or higher?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the planting involve cooperation with a partner agency such as WV Division of Forestry, WvDivision of Natural Resources, WVU College of Agriculture and Forestry, or the Nature Conservancy?	

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	
1. Are chestnut seedlings produced from hybrid seedstock developed for resistance to chestnut blight?	
2. Is there a resident population of Cheat Mountain salamander or norther flying squirrel in the project area? Yes O or No O	

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<u> </u>	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: